# The Crystal Structure of <br> 2-[2-(6-Chloro-2-methoxy-9-acridinylamino)ethylamino] ethanol(ICR-171-OH) 

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#### Abstract

The crystal structure of 2-[2-(6-chloro-2-methoxy-9-acridinylamino)ethylamino]ethanol, the hydroxyprecursor (ICR-171-OH) of a mutagenic acridine nitrogen half-mustard, has been studied. It crystallizes in the space group $P 2_{1} / a$ with $Z=4$, cell dimensions $a=23 \cdot 027 \pm 0 \cdot 012, b=7 \cdot 676 \pm 0 \cdot 004, c=$ $9.923 \pm 0.006 \AA, \beta=100 \cdot 12 \pm 0.10^{\circ}$. The observed and calculated densities are 1.30 and $1.31 \mathrm{~g} . \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$ respectively. The compound has the formula




Data were collected on a manual diffractometer with $\mathrm{Cu} K \alpha$ radiation. 2148 out of 3753 reflections scanned were above the threshold of measurement. The structure was solved by the symbolic addition procedure and refined by least-squares methods to an $R$ value of 0.066 . The analysis shows that the acridine portion of the molecule is not planar, the buckling being not simply a folding of the molecule but corresponding to an angle of $7.4^{\circ}$ between the planes of the two outer rings. These outer rings are each planar within experimental error. There is an intramolecular hydrogen bond between the two nitrogen atoms of the side chain and two intermolecular hydrogen bonds involving the terminal hydroxyl group with the ring nitrogen atom and with a side chain nitrogen atom.

This structure determination is part of a proposed series of studies of acridine and anthracene nitrogen and sulphur mustards possessing antitumor or mutagenic properties. The compound under investigation, referred to as ICR-171-OH, is the precursor $\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{OH}\right.$ replacing $-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-\mathrm{Cl}$ in the side chain of the mustard) of a compound, ICR-171 (Peck, Preston \& Creech, 1961), which is a mutagen for Salmonella but not an active antitumor agent. The chemical formula is shown below:


The precursor was studied because crystals suitable for an X-ray structure determination were readily obtained. Crystallization has not, so far, been possible with the mustard itself.

## Experimental

Very fine bright yellow needles were grown by keeping a solution of ICR-171-OH in a $4: 1$ ethanol-water

[^0]mixture at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for several days and then leaving it at room temperature to evaporate.

Cell dimensions were measured from precession photographs and on a manual diffractometer with copper $K \alpha$ radiation $\left[\lambda\left(K \alpha_{1}\right)=1.5405 \AA\right.$ ]. The dimensions of the monoclinic cell are $a=23.027 \pm 0.012, b=$ $7.676 \pm 0.004, \quad c=9.923 \pm 0.006 \AA, \quad \beta=100.12 \pm 0.10^{\circ}$. The space group (determined from systematic absences $h 0 l$ with $h$ odd and $0 k 0$ with $k$ odd) is $P 2_{1} / a$. The density, measured by flotation in potassium iodide solution, is $1.30 \mathrm{~g} . \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$, while that calculated for four molecules of $\mathrm{ClO}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{18} \mathrm{H}_{14}$ (F.W. $339 \cdot 79$ ) is $1.31 \mathrm{g.cm}^{-3}$.

Three-dimensional data were collected on a crystal of dimensions $0.09 \times 0.16 \times 0.39 \mathrm{~mm}$. The crystal was small, the largest that we were able to grow, and only $57 \%$ of the reflections, 2146 out of 3749 scanned, were above the threshold of measurement. There were observed reflections throughout the entire range of $2 \theta$ to $160^{\circ}$. Data were collected on a General Electric XRD-5 diffractometer with nickel-filtered copper radiation with the $\theta-2 \theta$ scan technique. They were corrected for Lorentz and polarization factors and absorption factors ( $\mu=23 \cdot 14 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ ).

## Determination of the structure

The structure was determined by the symbolic addition procedure with assistance from Fourier maps. Approx-

## Table 1. Final parameters of atoms

Positional parameters of non-hydrogen atoms are expressed as fractions of cell edges $\times 10^{4}$. Anisotropic temperature factors are expressed as:

$$
\exp \left(-b_{11} h^{2}-b_{22} k^{2}-b_{33} l^{2}-b_{12} h k-b_{23} k l-b_{13} h l\right) \times 10^{4}
$$

Estimated standard deviations, determined from the inverted full matrices, are listed in parentheses beside each parameter with respect to the last decimal place given.

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $b_{11}$ | $b_{22}$ | $b_{33}$ | $b_{12}$ | $b_{13}$ | $b_{23}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Cl}(1)$ | 357 (1) | 7141 (2) | 1112 (1) | $19 \cdot 5$ (2) | 439 (4) | 111 (1) | -1 (2) | -30 (1) | 12 (5) |
| O (2) | 3345 (1) | 7092 (4) | 10191 (2) | 18.7 (6) | 394 (10) | 72 (3) | 1 (4) | -10 (2) | 41 (10) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 5445 (1) | 5673 (4) | 6690 (3) | 14.4 (5) | 220 (7) | 116 (3) | -1 (3) | 21 (2) | -53 (9) |
| N(4) | 1454 (1) | 7832 (4) | 5949 (3) | $12 \cdot 1$ (5) | 183 (8) | 85 (3) | 5 (4) | 12 (2) | 15 (10) |
| N(5) | 3113 (1) | 6741 (5) | 4927 (3) | 13.9 (6) | 300 (10) | 79 (3) | 45 (4) | 15 (2) | 45 (11) |
| N(6) | 4305 (1) | 7120 (4) | 5350 (3) | $14 \cdot 2$ (6) | 170 (8) | 109 (4) | 9 (4) | 5 (2) | -29 (10) |
| $\mathrm{C}(7)$ | 2991 (1) | 6920 (6) | 7738 (4) | 12.5 (6) | 203 (11) | 85 (4) | 10 (5) | 13 (3) | 6 (12) |
| $\mathrm{C}(8)$. | 2913 (1) | 7230 (6) | 9051 (3) | $15 \cdot 1$ (7) | 272 (13) | 72 (4) | -8(5) | -4(3) | 23 (13) |
| $\mathrm{C}(9)$ | 2360 (2) | 7765 (7) | 9328 (3) | $19 \cdot 0$ (8) | 335 (14) | 66 (4) | -6 (6) | 20 (3) | -21 (14) |
| $\mathrm{C}(10)$ | 1889 (1) | 7920 (6) | 8299 (4) | 14.9 (7) | 264 (12) | 90 (4) | -9 (5) | 21 (3) | 12 (14) |
| C(1) | 983 (1) | 7632 (6) | 3632 (4) | $11 \cdot 6$ (6) | 197 (11) | 101 (5) | -6 (5) | 10 (3) | 19 (12) |
| C(12) | 1006 (1) | 7113 (6) | 2322 (4) | $15 \cdot 1$ (7) | 217 (11) | 93 (4) | -14 (5) | -10 (3) | 20 (13) |
| C(13) | 1518 (2) | 6553 (6) | 1905 (3) | $20 \cdot 3$ (9) | 203 (11) | 70 (4) | 4 (5) | 8 (3) | -19 (11) |
| C(14) | 2032 (2) | 6522 (6) | 2831 (4) | $16 \cdot 0$ (8) | 206 (11) | 80 (4) | 10 (5) | 11 (3) | -23 (11) |
| $\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 2576 (1) | 6977 (5) | 5231 (3) | 14.0 (7) | 140 (9) | 80 (4) | 8 (5) | 16 (3) | -1(11) |
| $\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 2508 (1) | 7130 (5) | 6625 (3) | $12 \cdot 2$ (6) | 137 (9) | 75 (4) | -4 (4) | 6 (2) | 18 (11) |
| $\mathrm{C}(17)$ | 1945 (1) | 7603 (5) | 6914 (3) | 13.0 (6) | 170 (10) | 75 (4) | -10(4) | 15 (2) | 9 (11) |
| $\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 1510 (1) | 7517 (5) | 4640 (3) | $13 \cdot 1$ (6) | 117 (9) | 85 (4) | -4 (4) | 10 (3) | 13 (10) |
| C(19) | 2050 (1) | 7046 (5) | 4215 (3) | $14 \cdot 2$ (6) | 126 (9) | 73 (4) | 8 (4) | 6 (2) | 3 (11) |
| C(20) | 3909 (2) | 6541 (8) | 10004 (4) | 18.3 (9) | 557 (20) | 99 (5) | 23 (7) | -8(3) | 82 (17) |
| C(21) | 3361 (1) | 7342 (5) | 3754 (4) | $16 \cdot 3$ (7) | 171 (10) | 93 (5) | 26 (5) | 16 (3) | 16 (12) |
| C(22) | 3952 (2) | 8206 (6) | 4278 (4) | 20.0 19 | 171 (11) | 145 (6) | 3 (5) | 4 (4) | 32 (14) |
| C(23) | 4761 (2) | 8098 (6) | 6263 (4) | 19.4 (9) | 191 (12) | 156 (6) | -6 (6) | -5 (4) | -123(15) |
| C(24) | 5121 (2) | 6920 (7) | 7292 (4) | $18 \cdot 0$ (8) | 291 (14) | 95 (5) | 1 (6) | 8 (3) | -80 (14) |

Table 1 (cont.)
Parameters for hydrogen atoms. Positional parameters are multiplied by $10^{3}$.
Isotropic temperature factors are of the form $\exp \left(-B \sin ^{2} \theta / \lambda^{2}\right)$ with $B$ values given in $\AA^{2}$.
Estimated standard deviations from the diagonal elements of the full matrix calculated for hydrogen atoms alone are

$$
\sigma(x)=0.007, \sigma(y)=0.020, \sigma(z)=0.015, \sigma(B)=0.8 \AA^{2}
$$

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $B$ | attached to |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{H}(25)$ | 335 | 652 | 750 | $2 \cdot 8$ | $\mathrm{C}(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(26)$ | 234 | 821 | 1025 | $5 \cdot 4$ | $\mathrm{C}(9)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(27)$ | 153 | 833 | 857 | $7 \cdot 5$ | $\mathrm{C}(10)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(28)$ | 61 | 803 | 391 | $5 \cdot 1$ | $\mathrm{C}(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(29)$ | 153 | 606 | 100 | $6 \cdot 6$ | $\mathrm{C}(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(30)$ | 237 | 622 | 250 | $4 \cdot 6$ | $\mathrm{C}(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(31)$ | 393 | 561 | 947 | $8 \cdot 2$ | $\mathrm{C}(20)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(32)$ | 411 | 640 | 1089 | $7 \cdot 3$ | $\mathrm{C}(20)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(33)$ | 410 | 724 | 946 | $5 \cdot 2$ | $\mathrm{C}(20)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(34)$ | 340 | 670 | 553 | $7 \cdot 5$ | $\mathrm{~N}(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(35)$ | 341 | 629 | 320 | $5 \cdot 7$ | $\mathrm{C}(21)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(36)$ | 307 | 810 | 327 | $5 \cdot 3$ | $\mathrm{C}(21)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(37)$ | 421 | 832 | 342 | $7 \cdot 4$ | $\mathrm{C}(22)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(38)$ | 386 | 918 | 458 | $6 \cdot 9$ | $\mathrm{C}(22)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(39)$ | 452 | 629 | 483 | $8 \cdot 8$ | $\mathrm{~N}(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(40)$ | 506 | 861 | 586 | $5 \cdot 8$ | $\mathrm{C}(23)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(41)$ | 456 | 910 | 673 | $6 \cdot 5$ | $\mathrm{C}(23)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(42)$ | 538 | 779 | 791 | $6 \cdot 0$ | $\mathrm{C}(24)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(43)$ | 482 | 627 | 771 | $5 \cdot 5$ | $\mathrm{C}(24)$ |
| $\mathrm{H}(44)$ | 577 | 636 | 637 | $5 \cdot 0$ | $\mathrm{O}(3)$ |

imately 200 terms with $E$ greater than 1.80 were used to compute the $E$ map from which the position of the chlorine atom was readily found. There were many peaks near $y=0.25$ and 0.75 and the orientation of the ring system was clear but its exact location in the ap-
parent network of six-membered rings was uncertain. Several trial structures were postulated and checked with Fourier projections down the $b$ axis. The initial $R$ value of the correct structure was 0.55 for the acridine system alone and $0 \cdot 30$ for a trial structure of the entire molecule deduced from Fourier maps. This structure was refined by block-diagonal least squares isotropically to an $R$ value of 0.15 and anisotropically to an $R$ value of $0 \cdot 103$. The hydrogen atoms were located from a difference map and their positions were refined isotropically. In the final stages two cycles of anisotropic full-matrix least-squares were calculated for the heavier atoms alone, then two cycles isotropically for the hydrogen atoms alone and then another cycle for the heavier atoms. The final $R$ value was $0 \cdot 066$.

The final atomic parameters are listed in Table 1 together with the estimated standard deviations. Those for the heavier atoms were computed from the inverted full matrix and those for the hydrogen atoms were calculated from the diagonal elements of the full matrix when the hydrogen atoms were refined separately. A list of calculated and observed structure factors is given in Table 2.

## Computations

Most of the calculations were done on an IBM 1620 computer with programs written in this laboratory [for a list see Johnson (1965a) and Gabe, Glusker, Minkin \& Patterson (1967)]. Because the memory was not large $(20 \mathrm{~K})$ the heavy atoms and the hydrogen atoms

Table 2．Observed and calculated structure factors
Each entry lists，in order，$h,\left|F_{o}\right|$ and $F_{c}$ ．Unobserved reflections，a total of 1603 ，are not included．For the data reduction these were included with one third the estimated intensity which would just have been visible． 569 reflexions in this category had values of $F_{c}$ greater than $\left|F_{o}\right|, 75$ had values greater than $2\left|F_{o}\right|$ and 22 had values greater than $3\left|F_{o}\right|$ ．

were refined in separate cycles of block-diagonal leastsquares calculations. The scattering factors were taken from International Table for X-ray Crystallography (1962) except for hydrogen atoms when the values of Stewart, Davidson \& Simpson (1965) were used. The scattering factor for chlorine was corrected for anomalous dispersion with $\Delta f^{\prime}=0 \cdot 3$. The weights in the leastsquares calculations were based on counting statistics and instrumental uncertainties. In the final stages of calculation a full-matrix least-squares program, modified by H. L. Carrell from the UCLA program, was run on a CDC 6600 computer at New York University via a DCT 2000 terminal. Again the light and heavy atoms were refined in separate cycles. The program to compute molecular geometry was written by A. Caron and H. L. Carrell and was run on a UNIVAC 1108 computer via a DCT 2000 terminal.

## Discussion of the structure

The interatomic distances and interbond angles in the molecule are illustrated in Fig. 1. Torsion angles down
selected bonds in the molecule are shown in Fig. 2. The distances in the acridine moiety are compared with the distances in acridine itself (Phillips, 1956; Phillips, Ahmed \& Barnes, 1960; Shefter, 1968) in Table 3. The main difference in ICR $171-\mathrm{OH}$ is the slight lengthening of the bonds designated ( $h$ ), that is the bonds adjacent to the side chain. The first bond from the ring system to a nitrogen atom [ $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{N}(5)]$ is $1.336 \AA$ which is short and indicates that there is some double bond character present, As shown in Table 4, which is a listing of hydrogen bonds, there is an interaction between $\mathrm{N}(5)$ and $\mathrm{N}(6)$ of the side chain so that a hydrogen bond, which is not linear (the $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{H}(34)--\mathrm{N}(6)$ angle is $\left.128^{\circ}\right)$, is formed and the side chain is not an extended zigzag. This is shown in Fig. 3, which was calculated by ORTEP (Johnson, 1965b).

The sum of the angles around $\mathrm{N}(6)$ is $325^{\circ}$ (compared with a value of $328.5^{\circ}$ for three tetrahedral angles), while that around $\mathrm{N}(5)$ is $353^{\circ}$ (compared with a value of $360^{\circ}$ for a planar arrangement). $\mathrm{N}(6)$ is $0.45 \AA$ from the plane through $\mathrm{C}(23), \mathrm{C}(22), \mathrm{H}(39)$ while $\mathrm{N}(5)$ is


Fig. 1. Interatomic distances and interbond angles.


Fig.2. Torsion angles down certain bonds in the molecule.


Fig. 3. View of the molecule showing thermal ellipsoids.
$0 \cdot 17 \AA$ from the plane through $\mathrm{C}(21), \mathrm{C}(15), \mathrm{H}(34)$. These results suggest a slight residual positive charge on $\mathrm{N}(5)$ and a slight residual negative charge on $\mathrm{N}(6)$.

The acridine part of the molecule is not planar and in Fig. 4 an attempt is made to describe this lack of planarity which is probably mainly caused by the lengthening of the bonds $\mathrm{C}(19)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ and $\mathrm{C}(15)-\mathrm{C}(16)$ and the planarity of the system $\mathrm{C}(19), \mathrm{C}(15), \mathrm{C}(16)$, $\mathrm{N}(5)$. The angle between the planes of the two outer benzene rings in the acridine system is $7.53^{\circ}$ but the nonplanarity is not simply a folding about the $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{C}(15)$ line. The angle between the plane of the ring containing the methoxy group and that of the central ring is $2.3^{\circ}$ while that between the plane of the ring containing the chlorine atom and that of the central ring is $8 \cdot 1^{\circ}$. The angles between the plane of the central ring and the best planes through $\mathrm{N}(5)$ -$\mathrm{C}(21)-\mathrm{C}(22)-\mathrm{N}(6)$ and $\mathrm{N}(6)-\mathrm{C}(23)-\mathrm{C}(24)-\mathrm{O}(3)$ are 44.3 and $48.7^{\circ}$ respectively with an angle of $87.1^{\circ}$ between these last two planes.

Distances and angles concerned with the hydrogen bonding are listed in Table 4 and are illustrated in Fig. 5. The hydrogen bond $\mathrm{N}(4)--\mathrm{H}(44)-\mathrm{O}(3)$, of length $2 \cdot 80 \AA$, is the same length as that found for the ring nitrogen atom to a water molecule by Shefter (1968) for an acridine-cytosine-water complex. In the present study the hydrogen bond is to the terminal hydroxyl group of the side chain and may indicate a slight negative charge on $\mathrm{N}(4)$. The oxygen of this hydroxyl group also receives a hydrogen bond from a nitrogen atom, $\mathrm{N}(6)$, in the side chain. The hydrogen bond to the nitrogen atom of the acridine is similar to the hydrogen bond from a phosphate group to the acridine suggested as a modification of the intercalation model of Lerman (1961) by Pritchard, Blake \& Peacocke (1966).

The chlorine atom is surrounded by hydrogen atoms of the $-\mathrm{OCH}_{3}$ and $-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ - groups of other molecules. The system $\mathrm{C}(9), \mathrm{C}(8), \mathrm{O}(2), \mathrm{C}(20), \mathrm{H}(32), \mathrm{Cl}$ forms an extended zigzag with $\mathrm{H}(32)-0.11 \AA$ and $\mathrm{Cl}+1.74 \AA$ from the plane through the first four atoms.
The packing of the molecule is shown in Fig. 6 which shows the extent of overlap of adjacent ring systems. Nitrogen atoms $\mathrm{N}(4)$ and $\mathrm{N}(5)$ of different molecules overlap, possibly due to electrostatic attraction as a result of residual charges on these atoms as suggested above. The shortest distances between these rings (one at $x, y, z$ and the other at $\frac{1}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, 1-z$ ) are $3.32 \AA$ for $\mathrm{N}(4) \cdots \mathrm{N}(5), 3.49 \AA$ for $\mathrm{N}(4)--\mathrm{C}(21)$,
$3 \cdot 36 \AA$ for $\mathrm{N}(5)--\mathrm{C}(18), 3 \cdot 35 \AA$ for $\mathrm{C}(14)--\mathrm{C}(16)$ and $3.58 \AA$ for $\mathrm{C}(7)--\mathrm{C}(14)$.


Fig.4. Extent of buckling of the molecule. Note: the vertical scale is enlarged by a factor of two to show this buckling more clearly.


Fig. 5. Projection down the $b$ axis showing the hydrogen bond system.


Fig.6. Overlap of adjacent molecules. The central molecule is denoted by solid black bonds. The view is perpendicular to the least-squares best plane through the acridine part of this molecule.

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Table 3. A comparison of bond lengths in acridine and in $1 \mathrm{CR}-171-\mathrm{OH}$


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Table 4. Hydrogen bond system


Table 5. Deviations $(\AA)$ of atoms from the best plane through the acridine system

| Cl | -0.234 | $\mathrm{C}(7)$ | -0.054 | $\mathrm{C}(13)$ | -0.155 | $\mathrm{C}(19)$ | 0.113 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathrm{O}(2)$ | -0.146 | $\mathrm{C}(8)$ | -0.092 | $\mathrm{C}(14)$ | -0.048 | $\mathrm{C}(20)$ | -0.206 |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)$ | 0.573 | $\mathrm{C}(9)$ | -0.052 | $\mathrm{C}(15)$ | 0.183 | $\mathrm{C}(21)$ | 1.141 |
| $\mathrm{~N}(4)$ | 0.066 | $\mathrm{C}(10)$ | -0.026 | $\mathrm{C}(16)$ | 0.021 | $\mathrm{C}(22)$ | 2.019 |
| $\mathrm{~N}(5)$ | 0.360 | $\mathrm{C}(11)$ | 0.049 | $\mathrm{C}(17)$ | 0.007 | $\mathrm{C}(23)$ | 2.053 |
| $\mathrm{~N}(6)$ | 1.232 | $\mathrm{C}(12)$ | -0.099 | $\mathrm{C}(18)$ | 0.087 | $\mathrm{C}(24)$ | 1.210 |

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# The Molecular Structure of 3及-Acetoxy-20-Hydroxylupane, $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{54} \mathrm{O}_{3}$.* 

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The structure of the monoacetate derivative of lupane- $3 \beta, 20$-diol, $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{54} \mathrm{O}_{3}$, was determined by the symbolic-addition procedure and-tangent formula method. The space group is $P 2_{1}$ and cell dimensions are $a=15 \cdot 198$ ( 8 ), $b=8 \cdot 260$ (7), $c=12 \cdot 226$ (5) $\AA$ and $\beta=108 \cdot 6$ (3) ${ }^{\circ}$. The triterpene lupane-3 $\beta, 20$-diol, $\mathrm{C}_{30} \mathrm{H}_{52} \mathrm{O}_{2}$, was extracted from Thelocactus bicolor, and a monoacetate derivative was prepared. The relative molecular configuration was found to be


The molecule is composed of four trans fused six-membered rings and one trans fused five-membered ring. All six-membered rings are in the chair conformation. The absolute configuration of the 3-position is known, and the absolute configuration of the remainder of the molecule can be established.

## Introduction

Cacti from the southwestern region of North America are known to contain alkaloids, terpenes, and a variety of other compounds. Frequently, the materials are isolated in small quantities and conventional means of identification are difficult. A small quantity of a white material was isolated from Thelocactus bicolor, and preliminary studies indicated the presence of two hydroxyl groups. An acetate derivative was prepared (m.p. 254$256^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), and a mass spectrum was obtained. The derivative was assumed to be a diacetate and the formula $\mathrm{C}_{29} \mathrm{H}_{46-48} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ was proposed for the parent com-

[^1]pound. This is an unusual formula for a triterpene, although a few compounds of this type have been reported.

Several crystals of the acetate derivative were supplied to our laboratory by Dr Xorge Dominguez who isolated the compound and made the preliminary studies. The crystals of the acetate derivative occur as colorless elongated parallelepipeds. The proposed formula proved to be in error, and the correct formula and structure were established by single-crystal X-ray diffraction techniques.

## Experimental

A crystal of dimensions $1.25 \times 0.35 \times 0.15 \mathrm{~mm}$ was mounted with the $b$ axis (long dimension) coincident


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